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TO File

FROM Reed W. Neuman

SUBJECT Dead Creek/telephone conversations
with Jim Kelty, ERU -

10/9/80 Jim Kelty - ERU T/F
1:15 P.M.

I asked Jim about PCB's: is there something characteristic about them that would make it unlikely for them to be transported by bulk tank trucks, and instead in 55-gallon drums or whatever? He said that PCB's are quite viscous, but didn't see any reason why they couldn't be pumped in and out of tank trucks at least in their "pure" form. Handling problems may arise when PCB's are bound up in waste oils, etc. He wasn't sure if customers typically would purchase PCB's in sufficient quantities to require delivery by tank trucks. In any event, PCB's most often are dumped as part of used waste oils.

On another subject, Jim reminded me to track down a Mr. or Mrs. Schmidt (Mr. may be dead); Jim recalls hearing or seeing statements to the effect that the Schmidts were sure that the Queeny Avenue culvert had not been completely plugged, because they occasionally noted equal changes in water levels on both sides of Queeny Avenue when they lived there in their trailer. I told Jim we were already on to Mrs. Schmidt, who apparently used to be head secretary/girl Friday for Waggoner and Company, and that we would be talking to her soon. Jim thinks she may be able to confirm whether Dead Creek was a free-flowing stream at one time and how long it has been plugged at Queeny Avenue.

Jim also told me that the public hearing on Monsanto's application to construct and operate a PCB incineration unit is scheduled for tomorrow (10/10/80) at the Sauget Village Hall. He surmised that they likely would be issued a permit, but possibly with severe limitations on how much could be incinerated at a time.

Jim mentioned that another Monsanto story has been receiving a lot of media attention. Apparently about 3-4 weeks ago there was a spill of PCB-laden waste oil in Ellisville, MO. (St. Louis suburb). Gov. Teasdale publicly called upon Monsanto

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to clean it up; Monsanto publicly told him to go to hell, and would fight it out in court if necessary. Apparently Missouri hasn't yet responded to Monsanto's calling of their bluff. Jim noted that Monsanto's reaction to that incident was markedly different from their seemingly voluntary cooperation with us here. A point to ponder

45 P.M.

Concerning the Sauget dump(s), Jim said Pat Szymczak ran a story in the Globe-Democrat the other day relating that a "spokesman" for Monsanto told her that starting back in 1917 and running through the late '20's, Monsanto was disposing of materials in Leo Sauget's dump. I will call her for details.

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